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SUBJECT: EC DECLARATION ON PEACEKEEPING AND US PROPOSALS
REF: A) BONN 14879; B) USUN 3204
1. FRG EMBOFF SCHNITTGER CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY (IO) HELMAN AUGUST 22 TO ASK FOR INITIAL US
REACTION TO EC DRAFT DECLARATION ON PEACEKEEPING. HELMAN
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REVIEWED US INTEREST IN PEACEKEEPING, REFERRING TO
PROPOSALS IN PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO CONGRESS ON UN REFORM.
IN THIS CONTEXT, US WELCOMED EC DECLARATION. WE WOULD
HOPE TO GO BEYOND ITS FORCEFUL EXPRESSION OF PURPOSE TO
SET FORTH VARIOUS WAYS OF INSTITUTIONALLY STRENGTHENING
UN PEACEKEEPING, FOR EXAMPLE, BY ESTABLISHING A PEACE-
KEEPING RESERVE, OFFICER TRAINING AND COMMON PROCEDURES

FOR NATIONAL CONTINGENTS TO FOLLOW. HE EXPLAINED THAT WE WERE REVIEWING VARIOUS IDEAS WITH NORDIC COUNTRIES IN NEW YORK AND USUN POLMIN PETREE WAS FOLLOWING UP ON THESE IN BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS IN NORDIC COUNTRIES. HELMAN SAID HE WOULD BE LOOKING FORWARD -TO FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THESE PROPOSALS DURING HIS VISIT TO BONN, SEPTEMBER 5-6, BOTH IN BILATERAL CONTEXT AND IN FRG'S ROLE AS PRESIDENT OF EC. AT THAT TIME HE WOULD HAVE BENEFIT OF PETREE'S REPORT ON NORDIC CONSULTATIONS.

2. SCHNITTGER SAID HE WOULD REPORT THIS REACTION TO BONN AND HE HOPED A COMMON DECLARATION OF THE US AND EC PROPOSALS ON PEACEKEEPING COULD BE WORKED OUT IN NEW YORK, FOLLOWING HELMAN'S VISIT TO BONN.

3. HELMAN SAID WE ALSO HAD BEEN CONSULTING WITH OTHER COUNTRIES ON MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN THE ROLE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, SPECIFICALLY THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING AT LEAST ONE MEETING A YEAR AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY LEVEL. THE REACTION OF WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING THE FRG, HAD BEEN FAVORABLE, WHILE THE SOVIETS AND CHINESE HAD BEEN SKEPTICAL IF NOT HOSTILE TO THE IDEA. HE LOOKED FORWARD TO CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS ON THIS PROPOSAL AND WOULD WELCOME DISCUSSING IT FURTHER IN BONN.

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4. FOR PETREE: WE WOULD APPRECIATE A SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS WITH NORDICS ON PEACEKEEPING AS BASIS FOR FURTHER TALKS BY HELMAN IN BONN.

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